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REMARKS

I. Support for the Amendments

Claims 1-32 were originally in the application. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 26-32, which were previously non-elected claims in U.S.S.N. 09/354,664, were previously in the application.

Claims 26-32 were subject to a restriction requirement, and claims 26-28 were elected. New claims 33-39 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments.

Support for new claims 33-39 can be found in the original specification, figures, and claims.

Additional support for new claims 33-36 and 38-39 can be found, e.g., from page 1, line 18, to page 2, line 6; at page 20, lines 7-9; and in the Examples. Additional support for new claim 37 can be found, e.g., at page 3, lines 14-18; and in the Examples.

II. Status of the Claims

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CONCLUSION

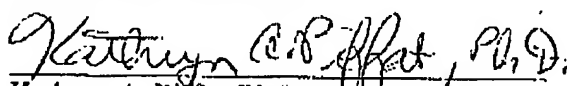
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for the Amendment and accompanying materials. If, however, a petition for an additional extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 for the appropriate fee. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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